

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H 307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for SR 52 Operational Improvements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Caltrans District 11, located at 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110.

The funding would improve traffic operations of a major east-west corridor in San Diego County by constructing a westbound truck climbing line from Mast Boulevard to I-15 and constructing managed lanes between I-15 and SR-125.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because SR 52 is the only direct connection for east San Diego County where Santee is located to employment centers in west San Diego County. The majority of east county residents work somewhere in the west San Diego County and commute to work via SR 52. Commuters and freight traffic experience heavy delays in both the AM and PM peak hours. Heavy congestion on SR 52 not only impacts freeway traffic it also spills over to city streets causing gridlock.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C 133(b).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting an important project.

Sincerely,



DARRELL ISSA
Member of Congress